

THE BATH



Introduction

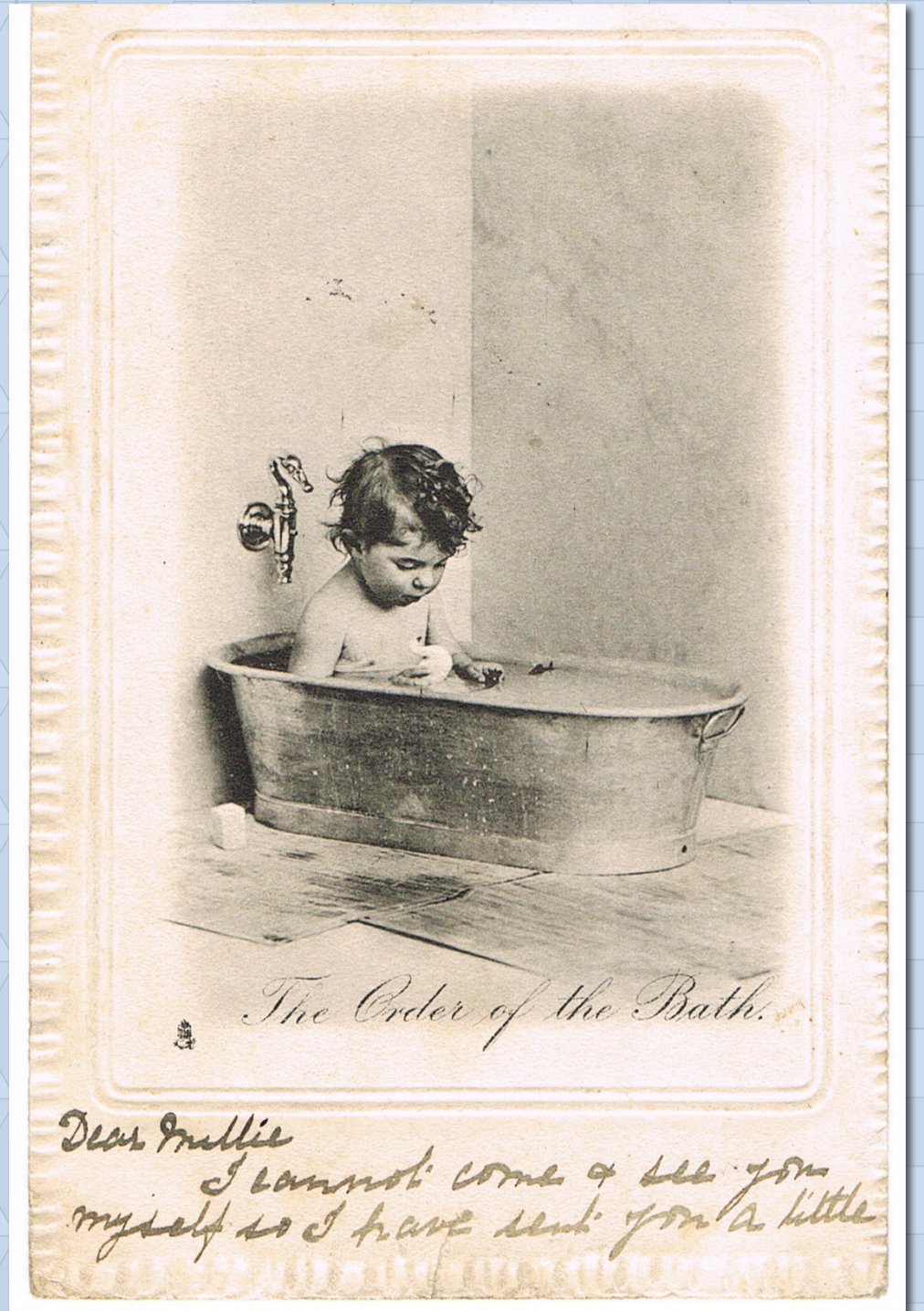
In the days before piped running water and electricity Friday night was bath night, in a tin bath filled by hand with water heated in a boiler. The whole family took it in turns in the same water. The tin bath was still in use by some families into the 1960s. The phrase throwing the baby out with the bath water comes from the fact that the baby was usually the last one to get in!



Jackie

Gran had her bath fitted above the shop in the early 1930s. Hard to think they used to go to the public baths on Moseley Road before that. However, she was one of the first to have one fitted in the area and

being a friendly person she told folks they could use it anytime. My mom remembers a long queue of people waiting for the bath one day, armed



with soap and towels, when he had returned from work. Gran calmed him down by telling him they had all bought the towels off her (fibs of course).



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